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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nathalie GARNIER et al.

Application No.: 09/714,663

Group Art Unit: 1616

Filed: November 17, 2000

Examiner: S. Qazi

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR THE PERMANENT
DEFORMATION OF KERATIN
FIBERS CONTAINING AT LEAST
ONE DERIVATIVE OF
FORMAMIDINE SULFINIC ACID

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIESREQUIREMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, the period of response extended to January 2, 2001, by the accompanying petition and fee.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in light of the amendment and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 10 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 11 - 100 as follows:

--11. A reducing composition for permanent deformation of hair comprising at least one reducing agent chosen from N-substituted

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